

Keeping in Touch

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UFMCC Stands Up For Human Rights



The UFMCC international contingent marched proudly at Stonewall 25.

Photo by Rev. Kittredge Cherry

MCC Celebrates Stonewall

UFMCC celebrated Stonewall 25 in New York City in June with a successful demonstration, spirit-filled worship at Lincoln Center, and a highly visible presence in the march.

"The theme of our MCC events was 'A Generation of Faith and Freedom' — and at Stonewall 25 we showed the world what a wonderful church we have built through our faith in God and our commitment to freedom for gays and lesbians," said Rev. Troy Perry, UFMCC founder and moderator.

The UFMCC events began June 24 when 500 people from 15 lesbian/gay religious groups joined in "Hands Around the God-Box," a prayer event and demonstration to end religious homophobia. It was held at the InterChurch Center at 475 Riverside Drive, headquarters of the National Council of Churches and many other mainline religious organizations. The building is nicknamed the God-Box because of its boxlike shape. Although the NCC has refused to grant membership or even observer status to UFMCC, NCC General Secretary Joan Campbell and numerous NCC staff members joined the demonstration, said Rev. Kittredge Cherry, UFMCC ecumenical director, who coordinated the event with Mr. Kim Byham of Integrity.

"Today, 475 Riverside Drive is our Stonewall Inn. We need to turn the tables on the religious 'police' of our day, and fight back," Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Chief Ecumenical Officer, told the crowd. The event concluded with tying a rainbow ribbon around the God-Box to symbolize continued prayers for the church to honor the diversity God created.

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MCC Starts Pride Week in Manila

MCC Manila co-sponsored the first Gay Pride Week ever held in the Philippines.

Events included a rain-drenched march in the national capitol area June 26 and a rally in Quezon Memorial Circle, a stone's throw from the House of Representatives of the Republic.

The Philippines joined in the international celebration of Stonewall 25, noting that a Filipina in New York was co-chair of the international organizing committee.

MCC Manila celebrated ecumenical worship services on June 24 at the Cine Cafe and at (see Manila, page 3)

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MCC Confronts Religious Right

Rev. Mel White held a seven-day "Fast for Understanding" in July, confronting the Religious Right and gathering support from lesbian/gay rights activists from UFMCC and beyond.

Rev. White, former ghostwriter for Revs. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, became dean of Cathedral of Hope MCC, Dallas, TX in 1993 after coming out as a gay man.

He fasted from July 11-17 in front of the world headquarters of Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, CO. The site was chosen because in May Focus on the Family co-hosted a Religious Right strategy meeting to formalize plans for national attacks on gay and lesbian rights. With this fast, Rev. White called for an end to the attacks against gay and lesbian people by the Religious Right.

On July 16, solidarity vigils were held nationwide, including one co-sponsored by Evangelicals Concerned and MCC Los Angeles, CA, at the headquarters of Rev. Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition in Anaheim.

The fast concluded with an interfaith service led by Rev. Nori Rost, pastor of Pike's Peak MCC, Colorado Springs. □

UFMCC Offices Move

Several offices at the UFMCC International Headquarters were relocated in late July on the same floor of the current office building in Los Angeles, CA.

The acquisition of an additional 386 square feet was coupled with significant reconfiguration within current office space in order to better accommodate work clusters and provide more room for growth. This was achieved within existing budget guidelines.

A new telephone system with voice mail was installed at the same time.

"The move reflects a quiet revolution that has occurred at the International Headquarters in the last few months," said Mr. Ravi Verma, director of administration. "This revolution has resulted in improvement in services and productivity. It has aided in greater staff involvement and faster response to change. Part of this change has been achieved by restructuring the staff, hiring new people, and working in teams."

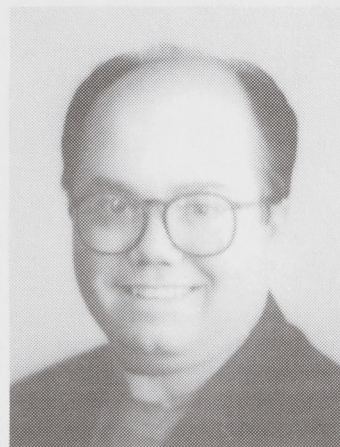
In fact, the move was planned and coordinated by staff teams of three or four members each, including the Space Team, Moving Team, Telephone Team, and Executive Team. □

Rev. Kavar Resigns

Rev. Lou Kavar resigned as administrator of World Church Extension, effective Aug. 13, in order to pursue other avenues of MCC ministry.

"Lou has made many contributions as a member of the Fellowship staff," said Rev. Troy Perry, UFMCC founder and moderator. "We wish him well in his future ministry."

Rev. Kavar became field director of global outreach in September 1990. In that unique role, he visited almost 100 MCCs in five countries, successfully raising funds to support churches across the globe. He edited *Global Outreach* and developed many resources



Rev. Lou Kavar

aimed at the growth of local congregations. □

General Council Seeks Input on Policies

The General Council invites UFMCC members to give their input on how the following policies might affect them. The motion below has been passed by the General Council as a First Reading, and will be submitted for final adoption as a Second Reading at the next Council meeting. Please submit any written responses to the Clerk of the General Council through the International Headquarters by Sept. 15, 1994.

FIRST READING: Move acceptance of this revision of the Recommended Process for Pastoral Leaders:

A) That we continue to hold the highest standards for those who would pastor in UFMCC; B) That there be only two categories of persons who pastor in this denomination: 1- Credentialed UFMCC clergy and 2- Pastoral Leaders; C) That Pastoral Leaders who feel called by God to serve among the people be appointed for a term of one year. Pastoral Leaders are accountable to the District Committee/Board of World Church Extension and the appointment can be renewed; D) That Pastoral Leaders will take appropriate courses/seminars as deemed necessary by the District Committee/Board of World Church Extension. The expenses for these seminars or courses should be borne by the local church. District Committee/Board of World Church Extension should seek to provide a connection with a near-by pastor who can serve as a resource person for the Pastoral Leader.

FIRST READING: Move that it is inappropriate, and in some jurisdictions illegal, for Clergy and others in church leadership to engage in sexual contact and/or establish a love relationship

with those with whom they have entered into a relationship of guide, instructor and/or advisor (i.e., counseling). To engage in such conduct is deemed unbecoming conduct and is one criterion for initiating disciplinary action in accordance with the UFMCC Bylaws. (Definition of Terms: **Sexual Contact:** The touching of an intimate part (sexual organs, anus, buttocks, groin or breast) of another person. Sexual contact can include sexual intercourse, fondling and any other kind of sexual touching, nudity, kissing, spanking and sexual suggestions or innuendos.

Touching: Physical contact with another person either through the person's clothes or directly with the person's skin. **Clergy/Church Leader:** Anyone authorized by the church to act in a (see Council, page 6)

UFMCC Resists Military

UFMCC joined forces with the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network to reach out to gay, lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual servicemembers affected by the U.S. Department of Defense's controversial policy on homosexuality. In June, a large advertisement was placed in *The Army Times*, *The Navy Times*, and *The Air*

Force Times. The ads, which promoted a telephone hotline for servicemembers, encouraged them to "Know Your Legal Rights!" Major funding for the ads was provided by the UFMCC's Military Justice Fund, established at the 1993 General Conference. The hotline telephone number is (202) 328-3247. □



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Mr. Manny Manago and Mr. Fernando Doria carry the MCC banner at Manila's first gay/lesbian pride march.



Members of Whosoever MCC of Brighton and Hove, England, did effective outreach at London's Gay Pride Festival June 18.

Couples Blessed in London

"Weddings" for lesbian and gay couples were a new feature of the Gay Pride Festival in London, England, June 18.

Whosoever MCC of Brighton and Hove arranged to have a large marquee at the festival to conduct the rite of blessing of relationships. An estimated 160,000 people attended the festival. As a result of advertising across the country, couples pre-registered and were able to have their rite of blessing in one of two private chapels or in a special worship service held during the afternoon.

Rev. David Miller, pastor of Whosoever MCC, reports that responses to the advertising came from all over the United Kingdom. Interest from the media brought much positive publicity and has given great hope to many lesbian and gay couples.

The worship service was the highlight of the day. By the start of the service the marquee was full with many couples rushing to register to have their relationship blessed. Some 300-plus people raised the roof as Whosoever Youth Group led the singspiration. When Rev. Miller opened his sermon with the statement, "Be proud, God loves lesbians and gay men in a special way — that's what the Bible says" the crowd went wild. The proceeding, including the main service, was recorded for television.

A hospitality team within the marquee was constantly busy talking to people about MCC and God's love to gays and lesbians. Hundreds of leaflets were given out. □

Manchester Honors The Dead

Lesbian and gay people who suffered violent death were commemorated in an open-air service by MCC Manchester, England, on June 26.

"One of the reasons for doing it was to commemorate the churches that have been arsoned and made homeless," said Rev. Paul Whiting, pastor. "So we decided to make ourselves 'homeless' and hold the service outdoors."

The service was held at Manchester's Lincoln Memorial, which honors Manchester's contribution to the abolition of slavery in the United States during the Civil War.

Forty people attended the service, which concluded with the laying of pink roses and pink carnations all around the base of the memorial. □

Toronto Service Threatened

Thousands of lesbians and gays and their families attended church services at Maple Leaf Gardens on Lesbian and Gay Pride Day (July 3) despite death threats, according to Rev. Brent Hawkes, senior pastor of MCC Toronto, Canada. The service was organized by MCC Toronto and included over 400 volunteers, including 150 musicians.

During the debate on Bill 167, Rev. Hawkes said that the church received death threats, including one which stated: "We know about Maple Leaf Gardens. If you go ahead, a lot of blood will spill and a lot of faggots will die." The threatening letters have been turned over to police and Rev. Hawkes said the police efforts prevented any incidents and that attendance was not affected by the threats. □

Manila

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the Rally at the end of the March, led by Rev. Richard Mickley, pastor, and Deacon Manny Manago and the MCC members. "We were able to tell more people about God's love this week than we have in three years," said Rev. Mickley.

When Rev. Elder Hong Tan gave his recommendation at the end of his visit to MCC Manila in March 1994, he suggested MCC Manila initiate the

first Gay Pride Week in the Philippines. "We approached one gay organization after another. They all said, 'No, not this year.' Finally some new members joined MCC from PRO-Gay of the Philippines and they persuaded PRO-Gay to spearhead the first observance," said Mr. Manago. MCC became a co-sponsor and Mr. Manago and Rev. Mickley worked with the organizers. □

Homophobia in Idaho?

Two weeks after agreeing to allow MCC Boise, ID to meet at a historic church at Boise State University, officials have banned all church services there.

"Sounds suspiciously like homophobia to me," said Rev. Tyrone Sweeting, pastor.

However, Mr. Robert Koontz, a member of the board of directors that governs the chapel, said, "This (decision) has nothing to do with the fact that it is a gay and lesbian church." He said he was unaware that any church was holding services in the chapel until he read a July 12 article in the *Idaho Statesman* about MCC.

Two churches are affected by the board's decision, MCC and the Christian Revival Center, a United Pentecostal Church that has met there since November. Boise State University has offered classroom space to both churches to conduct services, and both are allowed to use the chapel for weddings and funerals. □



Demonstrators joined hands around the God-Box to pray for an end to religious homophobia.

Photo by Mr. William Tom

Stonewall

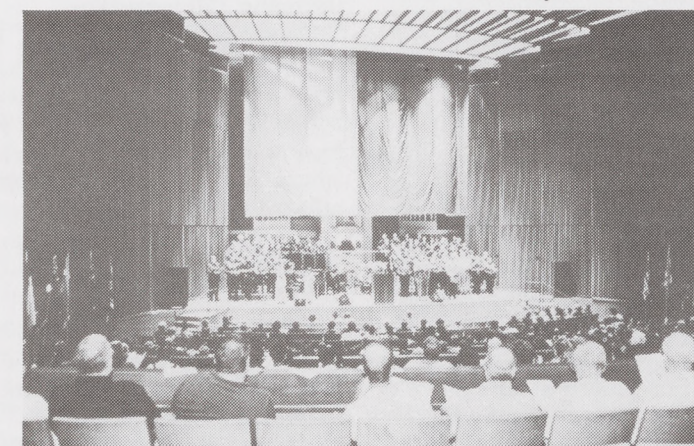
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Reaction to the God-Box event was summed up later by Mary Hunt, co-founder of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual, in her sermon the next day: "How about those 'Hands Around the God-Box' people, what a feat of religious athleticism: holding hands, singing, praying, protesting and talking to the press all at once ought to merit some sort of miraculous medal or actual grace!"

UFMCC put on a show to remember June 25 at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. "Out of the closet and into Lincoln Center!" exulted Rev. Perry as he addressed the crowd that nearly filled the 1,000-seat auditorium.

The evening began with a medley of upbeat, gay-affirming songs, alternating with readings that told the story of the founding of UFMCC in 1968 and the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969. While the 100-voice choir sang "Coming to Our Own," a colorful procession marched onstage carrying flags from all 16 countries with UFMCC churches.

Rev. Pat Bumgardner, pastor of MCC New York, NY, introduced Rev. Perry by saying, "To be a saint in the church



A rainbow flag formed a backdrop for the UFMCC celebration at Lincoln Center.

Photo by Mr. William Tom

that I was in for a while, you had to work three miracles, at least some of them while you were dead. Tonight, we honor a man who's worked at nearly 300 miracles in 16 countries."

Rev. Perry preached a rousing sermon, concluding with, "For 25 years, our people have stood tall. For 25 years, we have died from AIDS, from breast cancer, from suicide, and from violence. Yet we have remained faithful to God. We will reap God's love until the 50th anniversary of Stonewall!" The Lincoln Center event was planned and produced by Rev. Bumgardner, Mr. David Heid and Rev. Elder Don Eastman.

On June 26, hundreds of UFMCC members joined the International March on the

United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People. The UFMCC international contingent marched with the international groups, while many state contingents included UFMCC groups with signs proclaiming "Metropolitan Community Churches: A Generation of Faith and Freedom" (or, in Spanish: "Iglesias de la Comunidad Metropolitana: una Generacion de Fe y Libertad").

"UFMCC had a powerful presence at Stonewall," said Mr. Ravi Verma, director of administration, who coordinated staff support and handled budgeting and financial management for both UFMCC events. □

In Memory

Rev. Calvin L. Lindley

Rev. Calvin L. Lindley, staff clergy at MCC San Diego, CA, died July 7 of complications related to AIDS. He was 49.

Rev. Lindley served as student clergy at MCC San Diego and was licensed by UFMCC in 1983. He was active at Maranatha MCC, Hayward, CA (1984-86) and Golden Gate MCC, San Francisco, CA (1986-87) before joining the MCC San Diego staff in May 1987. He was ordained in 1991.

A Navy veteran, Rev. Lindley earned an Associate of Arts degree from San Diego City College in 1979. □

Transitions

Good Samaritan Parish MCC, Toledo, OH, has called Rev. Elaine Thomas as senior pastor, effective Aug. 1. She was previously a student clergy at MCC Los Angeles, CA.

Sacred Light of Christ MCC, Salt Lake City, UT, called Rev. Cindy Solomon as pastor. She was previously on staff at Family of Faith MCC, Tulsa, OK.

Rev. Dexter Brecht was recently elected pastor of Vieux Carre' MCC, New Orleans, LA.

Mr. David Smith is the newly appointed pastor of MCC Baltimore, MD.

MCC Philadelphia has two new pastors, Revs. Jeffrey Jordan and Dan Lee. Both are transferring their credentials to UFMCC.

Ms. Lois Luneburg has announced her retirement as administrator of the UFMCC Board of Pensions (USA), effective Jan. 1, 1995.

Rev. Milton Headings is the new pastoral leader of Gentle Shepherd MCC, Chicago, IL.

MCC San Jose, CA welcomed Rev. Pat Langlois as coordinator of outreach in March and Rev. Larry Whitsell as coordinator of education in June. □

Around The Fellowship

Praises

MCC Hattiesburg, MS, became the 29th worshipping body in the **Gulf Lower Atlantic District** on June 19. **Mr. Greg Yates** is worship coordinator.

Mr. Tom Swann, an openly gay civilian employee of the U.S. Navy and member of **MCC Ventura, CA**, recently resolved a dispute with the Navy and returned to work after seven months of unpaid leave. The American Civil Liberties Union handled a lawsuit for Mr. Swann charging the Navy with anti-gay discrimination and permitting a hostile work environment.

Rev. Liz Leech, pastor of **Family of God MCC, Columbus, GA**, was asked to speak about MCC and human rights at Columbus College in July.

Rev. Glenna Shepherd and deacon **Tammy Johnson** of **Christ Covenant MCC, Atlanta**, have been added to the board of Decatur Cooperative Ministries, the local Christian council.

The **Sunday Times**, one of the most prestigious national newspapers in the United Kingdom, published a large feature story with photos about "one of the fortresses of gay power," **Cathedral of Hope MCC, Dallas, TX**.

Rev. Vera Bourne, pastor of **MCC Northern Rivers, South Lismore, Australia**, has been appointed as a counselor to gays, lesbians and aborigines at the Southern Cross University, Lismore.

Vision of Hope MCC, Mountville, PA, received an interesting gift of flowers on Memorial Day weekend. Each year the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars places flowers in all the Mountville churches. This year that included MCC. The flowers are donated in honor of all veterans who gave their lives.

"**Gays and Lesbians: Valued Friends and Family**" proclaims a billboard just north of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, rented by south Florida MCCs and Sons & Daughters of America, an organization that promotes positive images of lesbians/gay men.

Rev. Tom Bohache, associate pastor at **MCC of Northern Virginia, Falls Church, VA**, recently received a Dupont Fellowship for his Ph.D. work at the University of Virginia.

Rev. June Norris of Poway, CA, gives thanks for all the prayers, cards, letters and phone calls. "I'm happy to report the breast cancer was non-invasive," she said.

Rev. Elder Charlie Arehart, pastor of **MCC of the Rockies, Denver, CO**, and the rest of the church's board recently attended a stewardship seminar in Mill Valley, CA, conducted by church growth expert, John Maxwell.

Prayers

Rev. Ed Paul's father died July 9. Rev. Paul is on staff at **Harvest MCC, Denton, TX**.

Rev. Virginia Reinecker's mother died in June. Rev. Reinecker pastors **MCC Ottawa ECM, Canada**.

Mr. Norberto D'Amico's mother died recently. Mr. D'Amico is National Ecumenical Officer of Argentina.

Mr. Bernie Barbour's mother, **Ms. Shirley Jarvis**, died June 27. Mr. Barbour is executive director of the **Department of People of Colors**.

Prayers are requested for **Hollie**, the partner of **Rev. Greg Smith, Australian District Coordinator**. His health is improving recently after he experienced deterioration of motor skills and coordination in June.

Members of **Resurrection MCC, Perth, Australia**, recently decided to disband, so MCC does not have a presence in western Australia now.

Rev. Nancy Smiegowski of Racine, WI, may need surgery for back problems.

Top 20 Tithes - June 1994

1.	MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX	US \$	3,244.24
2.	Sunshine Cathedral MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL		2,648.83
3.	MCC Washington, Washington, DC		2,485.23
4.	MCC Toronto, Ontario, Canada	CAN \$	1,886.34
5.	St. Luke's MCC, Jacksonville, FL		1,870.82
6.	MCC Austin, Austin, TX		1,823.06
7.	MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA		1,674.06
8.	Church of the Trinity MCC, Sarasota, FL		1,203.24
9.	MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA		1,169.92
10.	MCC of the Rockies, Denver, CO		1,136.24
11.	MCC New York, New York, NY		1,134.00
12.	Spirit of Hope MCC, Kansas City, MO		1,087.42
13.	MCC Richmond, Richmond, VA		1,065.43
14.	Harvest MCC, Denton, TX		920.76
15.	MCC Tampa, Tampa, FL		838.32
16.	First MCC of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA		774.87
17.	Joy MCC, Orlando, FL		746.23
18.	Church of Our Savior MCC, Boca Raton, FL		744.34
19.	MCC Key West, Key West, FL		723.80
20.	MCC of the Palm Beaches, W. Palm Beach, FL		671.28

{These figures reflect the 10 percent of each local church's monthly income that is reported to Fellowship headquarters.}

Top 20 Per Capita - June 1994

1.	MCC Ocean of Life, Costa Mesa, CA	US \$	42.54
2.	MCC Panama City, Panama City, FL		35.72
3.	Angels Among Us MCC, Mt. Vernon, WA		31.89
4.	MCC Hartford, Hartford, CT		31.09
5.	MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA		27.49
6.	MCC of Living Faith, St. Louis, MO		26.24
7.	MCC in the Country, Spring Valley, CA		24.84
8.	Holy Covenant MCC, Hinsdale, IL		24.54
9.	MCC of the Palm Beaches, W. Palm Beach, FL		24.15
10.	Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA		23.60
11.	Harvest MCC, Denton, TX		23.31
12.	Reconciliation MCC, Grand Rapids, MI		23.26
13.	Christ the Liberator MCC, New Brunswick, NJ		23.08
14.	St. Luke's MCC, Jacksonville, FL		22.90
15.	Faith Eternal MCC, Springfield, IL		22.81
16.	Eternal Light MCC, Olympia, WA		22.36
17.	MCC Johnson County, Lenexa, KS		21.74
18.	MCC of the Lehigh Valley, Allentown, PA		21.49
19.	MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX		21.37
20.	MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA		21.07

{These figures reflect average individual weekly offerings to the local church.}

Earthquake Doesn't Stop MCC-LA

A total of \$44,500 had been donated by mid-July to help MCC Los Angeles, CA, recover from the Jan. 17 earthquake which destroyed its building.

"Many, many, many thanks to all the churches and individuals who have offered support," said Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, pastor. "The cards, the letters, the very small checks and the very large checks were all a lifeblood for us."

Donations continue to arrive from all over the world to create what is probably the largest offering ever received from the Fellowship for any single cause, Rev. Wilson said.

MCC-LA recently received the permit to demolish the quake-damaged building. The costs of demolition, estimated at more than \$30,000, will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). MCC-LA and FEMA are continuing to negotiate about what portion of the rebuilding costs will be covered by the government.

Most of the money has gone into the building fund, with a small portion being used for moving expenses. In July, MCC-LA signed a one-year lease and moved into its third worship space since the earthquake. Worship is held in Pio Pico Elementary School's

gym, complete with permanent basketball hoops. A few weeks after moving in, the church sponsored "Queering the Gym," an afternoon of basketball and performances by the local gay cheerleading and drill teams.

However, Rev. Wilson noted that MCC-LA is exploring "multi-location" ministry. Church offices are housed in a 63-foot modular trailer in the parking lot of the quake-damaged structure. Local Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal churches have provided space for holy unions, memorial services, the monthly Taize service and other special events. Bank of America donated use of a storefront in West Hollywood where MCC-LA holds meetings and hosts Eagles Center, a high school of lesbian and gay teens in danger of dropping out. Eagles Center recently received national publicity for holding the first gay/lesbian prom ever sponsored by a U.S. public school district.

"People have been faithful and generous," Rev. Wilson said noting that MCC-LA has continued to meet its budget despite increased costs and has received 25 new members since the earthquake. □

Funds Raised for Africans

More than \$6,000 has been raised to bring three South Africans to Leadership and Department of People of Colors' Conferences in Dallas, TX, Aug. 2-7.

Most of the funds came from the South Central District, which more than accomplished the district goal of raising \$3,000.

"Donations to bring the South Africans to our conferences are greatly appreciated," said Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, who coordinated the fund-raising efforts through the Department of Ecumenical Witness and Ministry. The visitors will be Rev. Andre Muller, pastor of the Reforming Church in Pretoria; Ms. Nomsa Khumalo of Soweto; and Rev. Daniel De Kock of Capetown. All represent groups that are considering affiliation with UFMCC.

Donors included: Agape MCC, Ft. Worth, TX; MCC Lubbock, TX; Joie De Vivre MCC, Baton Rouge, LA; Cathedral of Hope MCC, Dallas, TX; New Horizons MCC, Oklahoma City, OK; MCC San Antonio, TX; Trinity MCC, Arlington, TX; MCC of Wichita Falls, TX; Department of People of Colors and South Central District. □

Council

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manner that provides guidance, instruction or advice (counseling).

FIRST READING: Move that it is unbecoming conduct for UFMCC Clergy to engage in any type of psychological counseling for which they are not licensed and do not hold appropriate credentials. UFMCC clergy credentials do not license one to do such counseling. □

ILGA Debates Pedophilia

After heated debate, the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) voted 214-30 to remove three pedophile groups from membership at the 16th Annual ILGA World Conference in New York City in June.

Mr. Ravi Verma, director of administration, represented UFMCC at the conference. Before the vote, Mr. Verma passed out the official statement by the UFMCC elders condemning sexual abuse of children to all 300 delegates at the conference. He also distributed UFMCC brochures in Spanish and English, and met with people from MCC in Nicaragua and the Philippines.

On June 27, Mr. Verma was one of 100 attendees at a conference of gay and lesbian South Asians hosted by SALGA, the South Asian, Lesbian and Gay Association. □

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Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, DC is accepting resumes and letters of interest for the position of Pastor. No phone calls please. Confidential Address: The Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, DC, Pastoral Search Committee, POB 28039, Washington, DC 20038-8039.

Growing, Christ-centered Church seeking new Pastor. Send resume to: Pastoral Search Committee, Family of Faith MCC, P.O. Box 382, Jenks, OK. 74037-0382.

MCC of the Blue Ridge in Roanoke, Virginia announces its Pastoral Vacancy. All interested applicants should send letter of interest and resume to Pastoral Search Committee c/o MCC of the Blue Ridge, P.O. Box 20495, Roanoke, VA. 24018.

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